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TJC raises awareness with Light the Night

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On April 23, TJC held an event known as the Light the Night rally at 5:30 in the Wagstaff Gym. The rally was to raise awareness for sexual assault and to educate students on other matters of campus safety.

April is known as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so the event focused heavily on dealing with sexual assault on the medical and law enforcement side. The event was full of various different speakers from different backgrounds. There was a representative from the East Texas Crisis Center, as well as a nurse trained to examine patients who have experienced sexual assault.

There is a long process that nurses have to go through in order to properly examine a sexual assault victim. The nurse does things such as swabbing their mouths and bellybut-

tons for DNA samples. The nurse mentioned how some patients will take the samples themselves. Not all rape kit results are reported to the police; patients can choose to not have the results reported to the police.

Rape kit testing is free to the patient. There are limits to how much state funds cover it, but a person can get tested for free. It is simple for a nurse to become certified as a forensic nurse. This is due to the fact that hospitals are in dire need of this type of nurses. You have to be a Resident nurse for at least two years to qualify for the certification.

When it comes to the law enforcement side of investigating sexual assault, there is a lot that detectives have to do to help get justice for the victims. Detectives Kevin Fite and Michelle Brock were invited to speak about what they deal with in their division of the police department. Fite and Brock work

in the Major Crimes Unit in the Crimes Against Person division of the Tyler Police Department. They mostly deal with cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and child death.

"Sexual Assault cases typically do not happen in public view. They don't happen in parking lots, they don't happen on the courthouse steps. They are crimes of opportunity and a lot of time they are crimes of secrecy," said Fite.

According to Brock, The police can use a database called CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) to match up DNA of offenders. CODIS is a database used by the government to input DNA. The detectives will request to get a sample from a suspect and then they send it to a lab to compare DNA samples. It takes about six months to a year to get the comparison done.

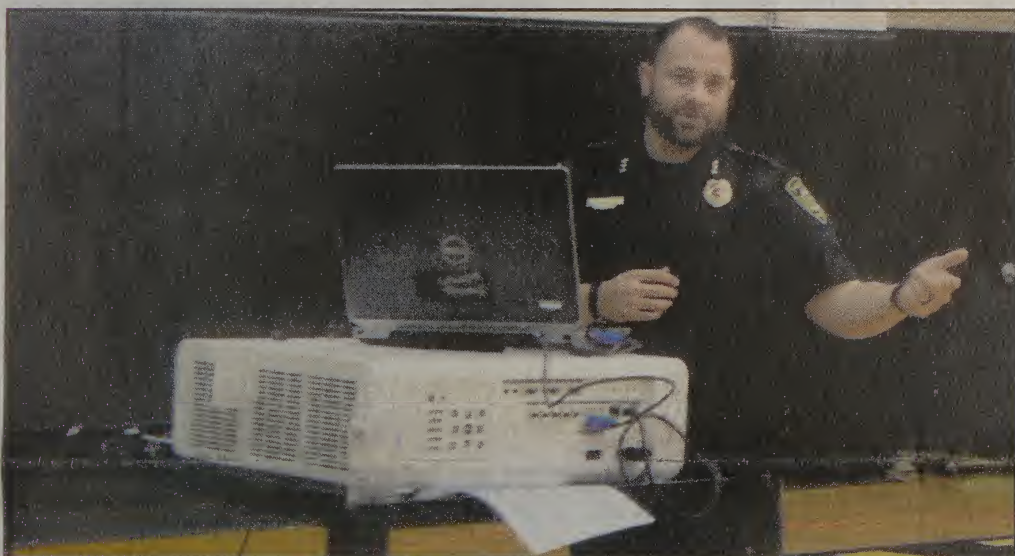
"It is very frustrating on the investigator

side of things because we have a victim here, and it legitimizes their victimhood when we get the DNA back. I can't imagine all the turmoil that they are going through waiting for confirmation after they were sexually assaulted," said Detective Brock.

The Tyler Police Department handles an estimated 50-60 sexual assault cases a month. This doesn't include all of the other victims that fail to report their incidents.

The event also had a presentation on active shooters conducted by TJC Chief of Police Michael Seale. Seale explained what active shooter was and how to identify an active shooter. He also spoke about what a student or faculty member can do to protect themselves in the event of an active shooter

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Campus Police Chief Michael Seale presents at the Light the Night Rally.



Pamela Ortega speaks to students at the Light the Night Rally.

PHOTOS BY SYDNI CUNNINGHAM

East Texas Big Event brings volunteers to downtown Tyler

Hannah Horton
Editor-in-Chief

Three Tyler colleges are coming together to help the community through the first East Texas Big Event.

The East Texas Big Event is a collaboration between TJC, UT Tyler, and Texas College.

Several larger universities across the state host their own "Big Events," days when students commit to participate in community service.

According to Director of Student Life Lauren Tyler, Tyler colleges have been wanting to create their own Big Event for a while now.

"We're hoping to get it started and just continue to grow it," said Tyler, "and hopefully it does grow to the same model the larger universities follow."

Many of the volunteer projects will take place in downtown Tyler. "The downtown square is nice to enough to host us down there, so we want to repay that," explained Tyler, "and they actually have a lot of projects that need to be done down there. So, everything from Liberty Hall, to the Smith County Historical Society, to maintaining the downtown square flowerbeds. They've got a lot of benches they want to put up ... The Discovery Science Place is having their Maker Fair that day, so it's going to be a busy time in that area. So, we'll have some students actually volunteering at that event ... There's a lot of different projects to do. We have over 300 [volunteers] that have registered so far, so it should be a great turnout."

Tyler said that anyone can volunteer at The East

Texas Big Event. "The idea is that it's a community-wide service event, so anyone can participate. It doesn't have to be students, although that is our main target. We have people with young kids who are coming to volunteer."

The East Texas Big Event will take place on Saturday, April 27. Students can pre-register at www.uttyler.edu/service/bigevent.php to volunteer. However, pre-registration is not required to participate in the event—students are free to show up on the morning of the event. "Registration's going to start at eight that morning. We'll kick everything off at 8:30, and we'll do the projects from about nine to 12 or 12:30. Then, we'll have a sort of an end-of-project celebration. We'll have some door prizes, some free food, some music, different things. They're going to shut down part of Broadway and make it a true downtown event. We always want to encourage people to wear appropriate clothing. I would recommend wearing closed-toe shoes, and probably clothes that you don't mind getting damaged, because a lot of our projects are more physical-labor-type projects. But, not all of them are ... It's a little bit of everything," explained Tyler.

"It's just a great opportunity, I think, for all of these three Tyler schools," she continued. "I don't know of many events that we've all three come together on, so I think that's a really need aspect to this event. We're really pulling together as East Texas to serve our town that gives so much to all of these institutions. I can't recall many things where all three institutions come together on one day to do service."

Behavioral Science participates in Susan G. Koman MORE THAN PINK WALK

Maya Gayler
Managing Editor

The psychology department participates in the Susan G. Koman MORE THAN PINK WALK in Tyler every year.

"TJC has always had a presence in that run ... I probably started about 12 years ago, maybe 13," said Deborah Kelley, professor of psychology and sociology.

This event used to be a fun run. It has since been changed to a walk.

Students are encouraged to join the team when the walk is during the semester. This year it falls on May 11, after graduation.

Kelley took over as team captain about eight years ago, after the previous captain stepped down.

"There was no one to fill that [position], so I just picked it up because I really enjoy it," said Kelley.

This walk is to raise money for cancer research, as well as commemorate those who have fought the battle.

Survivors have a special shirt to show that they beat cancer.

"I've had family members pass away from breast cancer. I have some very dear friends on this campus that have struggled with breast cancer," said Kelley.

The Susan G. Komen non-profit foundation uses its funds for not just research, but also to help women in need.

"One of the things they do is ... if somebody needs a mammogram, they'll fund the mammogram if they don't have the monies," said Kelley.

Students, faculty and family members join to walk with "Psyched OUT," the TJC team.

"Join my team," said Kelley.

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Correction to Issue 10

Regarding the name change article titled "Tyler Junior College: name change underway," an apology was issued for the misleading title, but a correction needs to be made to the article itself.

There was a claim that there was no campus-wide survey sent out. That may imply that no students were involved in this decision.

According to Rebecca Sanders, Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations, "The survey was sent to 9,794 (80%) of current students, and 299 (3%) responded. A total of 21,675 people were sent the survey; 45% of those were current students. [The] overall response rate was 6%; [the] student response rate was 3%. Of the 1,225 who participated in the survey, 24% were students."

The DrumBeat apologizes for not giving this full information in the original article.

Graduating staff's farewells

Hannah Horton
Editor-in-Chief

Every time I start to write this, I can only think of clichés--like how time flies and how it's hard to believe that my time at TJC is already coming to an end. Well, I guess I'll have to accept that that's how all farewell messages end up sounding. Here goes:

Time flies, and it's hard to believe that my time at TJC is already coming to an end.

I'll miss TJC, but I'm also excited for a new chapter of my life (another cliché). I'll hopefully be attending SFA in the fall, where I plan to major in English education and minor in linguistics.

I've learned a lot here at TJC, and not just in my classes. I'm so thankful for the organizations I've been



involved with and for all of the amazing opportunities they've given me. Special thanks to everyone from Phi Theta Kappa, the Honors Program, and the Tutoring Center, and, of course, The DrumBeat.

Working on The DrumBeat definitely has taught me a lot about journalism. It's also taught me about teamwork, time management, and more. I'm so glad that a little over a year ago I chose to enter the newsroom for my first DrumBeat meeting.

Maya Gayler
Managing Editor

The two years I have spent here have taught me many important lessons.

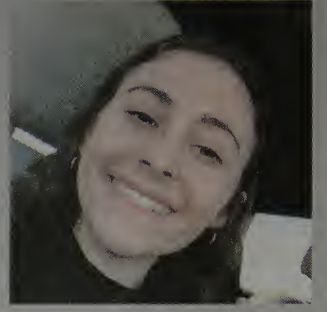
I was unsure of myself coming into college, and now I am counting down the days until graduation.

My first semester I looked for ways to get involved and make friends. In November 2017, I was chosen to be an Apache Chief.

My time as a Chief helped me grow as a person. I want to personally thank Murphy Turner for always pushing me to be better each day.

I came out of my shell and learned how to talk to strangers like we were best friends.

I made genuine friendships with people that I will never forget. I now have a



community that I can lean on at all times. Thank you for the memories.

After my first semester, I become really involved on campus.

I worked at the Chick-fil-a on campus and met one of my best friends. Then I joined Student Ambassadors.

Now I get to share my love of TJC to prospective students.

Choosing journalism as a career was not my intent, but I am glad it is the path I chose.

I did not begin writing

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TJC's sports playoff outlook

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News Editor

The spring semester not only marks the end of the school year, but also plays host to various championship teams' part of the TJC sports arsenal.

In quick summation, each team has had a remarkable season, bringing sense to the fact that each team has aspirations towards a playoff berth.

The men's tennis team has achieved a record of 14-1 this year, and should promise to flourish during their upcoming competitions. You should see them dominate at the Region 14 Championship vs. Jacksonville College, as well as annihilate their competition throughout the Men's NJCAA National Championships.

The women's tennis team follows suit in domination with a 10-3 record this year, leaving them into a very similar play-off predicament. The women's tennis team is also scheduled to play at the Region 14 Championship vs. Jacksonville, as well as bring forth a powerful presence at the women's NJCAA Tennis Championships.

Although not holding true to the same stylization of win/loss record keeping as other sports teams, the men's golf team has performed admirably throughout the season promising a slew of post-season performances. You can see them compete at the District 2 Championship at Diamondback GC, the District F championship at Eagle Bluff CC and the NJCAA National Tournament at Swan Lake Resort.

The women's golf team observed a shorter season compared to the men, and therefore have a shorter post-season schedule highlighted by the NJCAA National Tournament at

the LPGA International. This event will be hosted in Daytona, Florida.

The baseball team has put on a powerful display of coordination, resulting in a record of 36-11. While the team has a few games left in regular season play, they are already destined for a plethora of post-season performances. Their first event the team will participate in is the East/West Divisional Tournament, followed by a NJCAA District C Championship series and lastly the team will be competing at the NJCAA Div. III World Series at Pioneer Park.

Last, but certainly not least, is TJC's softball team. The team this year has put up a powerful record of 45-7, which can still be bolstered with the finishing of regular season play. The softball team is expected to see play in the NJCAA Region XIC tournament, as well as the season concluder in the NJCAA National Tournament.



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TJC baseball player throws a pitch.



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TJC softball player prepares to throw a pitch.

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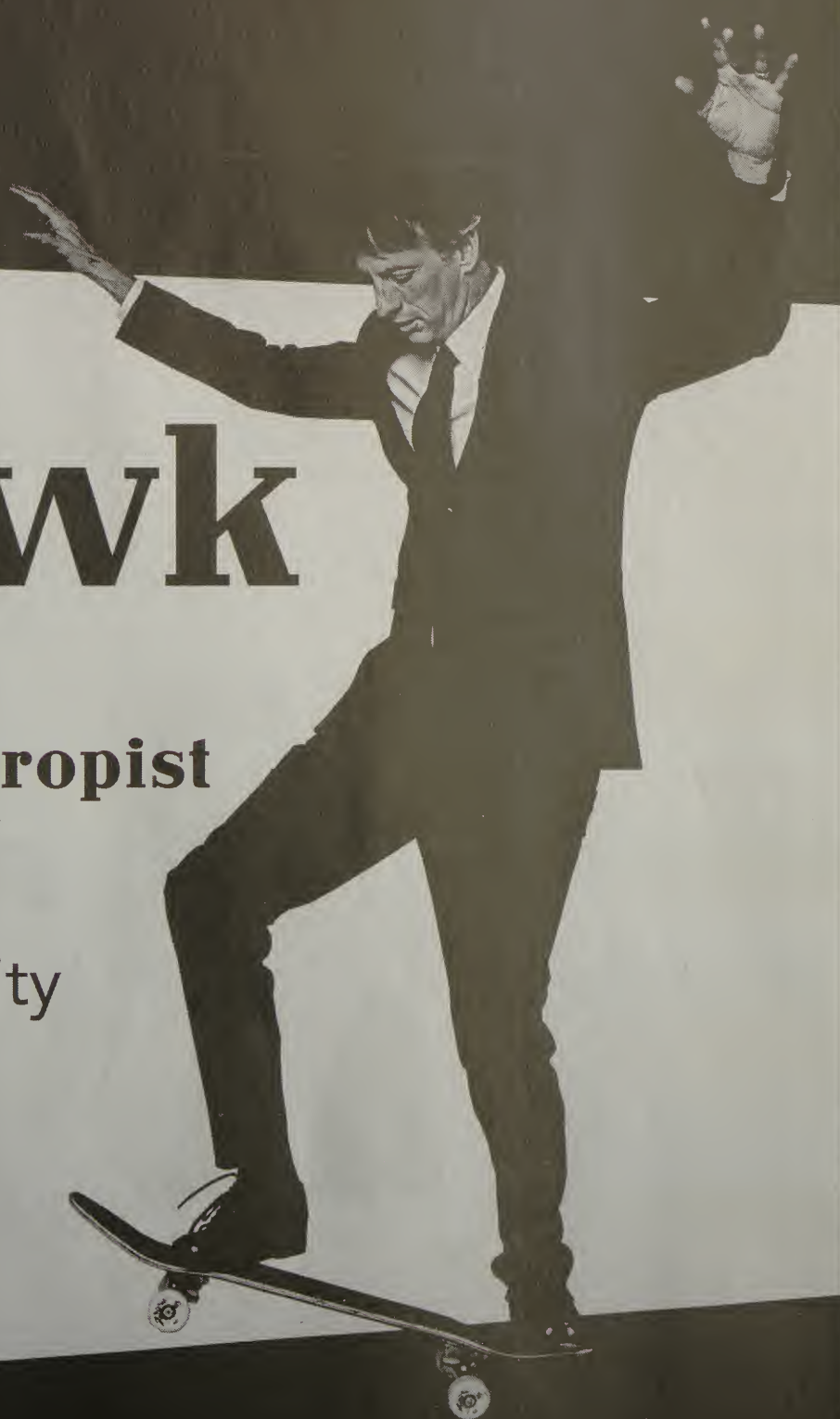
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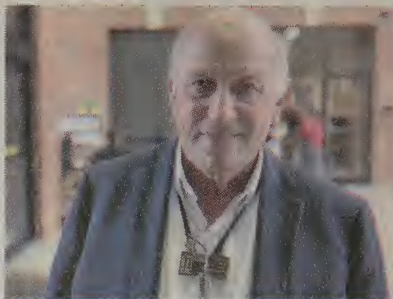
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Farewell Metke

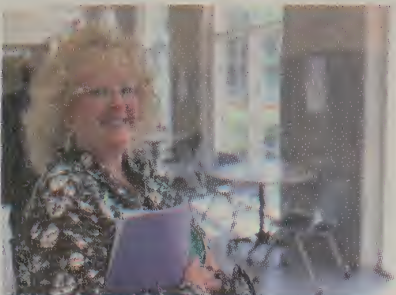


Dr. Metke,
I want to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to host a monthly birthday party. It meant a lot for you to have lunch with the people who had birthdays that month. You made us feel special.
Thank you,

Renee Hawkins
Division Director, Student Support Services



Ijeoma "EJ" Unegbu, Ed.D.
Professor, Learning Framework



My favorite memory of Dr Metke –

Phi Theta Kappa officer Luke Basil had been named a First-Team Academic All American in the spring of 2010 and as a first-team member, his college president, Dr. Metke, had "bragging rights" and would be able to introduce him on stage at the annual American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) President's Breakfast. There are only twenty First-Team members, so it is really a big deal for the Presidents, especially this year, since the annual AACC convention happened to be held in Seattle, Washington, the area Dr. Metke and his wife Donna called home prior to moving to Tyler and TJC.

Dr. Metke arranged to meet Luke and I in Seattle and promised some "local" sightseeing. Now keep in mind that Dr. Metke had been our TJC president for just a year or two, and I had only worked with him in more formal occasions. What an afternoon it was! Accompanied by Donna Metke and Luke's father, we toured the local area and arrived at Snoqualmie Falls, one of Washington state's most popular scenic attractions. More than 1.5 million visitors come to the Falls every year to visit the observation deck, Salish Lodge and the famous 270 foot waterfall. It was a spectacular, crystal clear and sunny April day. Our group was admiring the roar and majesty of the falls when Dr. Metke casually mentioned that view was so much more impressive from close up and, with a gleam in his eye, said "who would like to climb the falls?" Wait, WHAT? There was a pause, and both Luke and his Dade jumped at the chance for an adventure, and off they went, around the fence and down toward what might have been a hiking trail...or a path to oblivion!

Thankfully, Donna Metke was more than happy to enjoy high tea with me as we watched the trio's progress through the water spray. They returned, sunburned and laughing, and I got a chance to see Mike Metke in his element for the first time. Since then, I've seen him leading the way (and nearly getting wiped out by a farm truck's wildly swaying trailer) on the 90 for 90 bike ride, covered in mud in Costa Rica, and beaming in photos with his grandkids from summits all over the USA. Oh, how I will miss our mountain-climbing President when he retires this summer!! Fair winds and full sails, Mike, and on to your next great adventure!!!

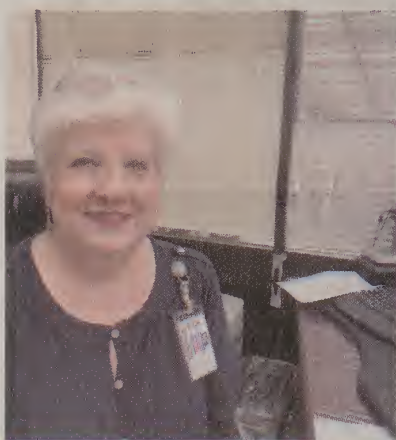
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Communications, and Fine Arts



Dr. Metke is a Renaissance man... for all practical purposes. He rides, he ropes and he shoots, but not from the hip. His Peace Corps quest has followed him throughout his career and has benefited those that have had the pleasure to know him. I first met him in the stairwell of White Administration Building where he proposed that we do something outside the borders. He had been a volunteer in Costa Rica and I in Paraguay, so Costa Rica was the choice, meaning, he knew the country and wanted to continue that relationship. In the eleven years of Project Costa Rica, we have climbed volcanoes, rode up mountains, zipped down through the canopy and had the most flavorful coffee together. I'll miss Dr. Metke and Donna for all the above, and the care that he has given to us as faculty and friends.

Un saludo, Jhay.
John Hays
Professor/Department Chair



While I deeply respect Dr. Metke, the president of TJC, it has been Dr. Mike who has captured my admiration and piqued my interest.

It has been my privilege to work with Dr. Metke on his "Foxy" books. I was invited to attend the East Texas Book Fair when the first "Foxy" book was published and to sit at his table calligraphy-ing names into each book. Watching Dr. Metke with Foxy – especially around young children – was fascinating. I realized then that Dr. Metke, the president, and Dr. Metke, the author, was also Dr. Mike who captivated the hearts of children and adults.

I will always remember the afternoon Dr. Metke brought Sarah – a young single mother who was a waitress at Willowbrook Country Club that he had gotten to know – to the library to meet me. Sarah wanted desperately to come to college (she'd just gotten her GED) but was afraid she would not be able to do the work required to attain her A.A. degree. Dr. Metke was personally taking her around to introduce her to various people on campus that Sarah could go to for help, encouragement, and motivation.

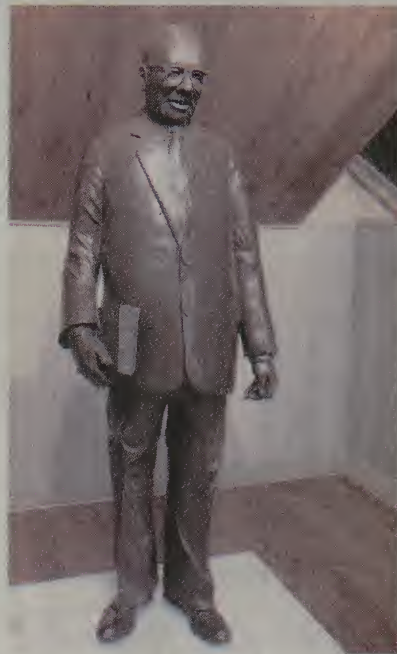
It's these little things that I believe show the heart and character of the man who has brought TJC so far in the twelve years he has been here.

Marian D. Jackson
Director, Learning Resource Center
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One of my favorite and most impressive memories of Dr. Metke, along with his many innovative accomplishments, caring attitude and birthday luncheons, is that when we, as a TJC wellness walking group walking around the TJC campus, he would always pick up trash and put it in the trash receptacles. It is hard for me to walk around the TJC campus now and not pick up trash because of his example. His caring attitude will be missed.

Becky Bonilla
Office Coordinator
Facilities and Construction



Thanks for finding my statue. There were some wild times in Austin, but I am glad to be back where I belong at Tyler Junior College.

Statue of TJC President
Dr. Harry Jenkins

Dr. Metke loves to tell this story... but I want to give it a new spin! When he came to TJC, the Dental Hygiene program had been housed since its inception in 1969 in the Pirtle Technology Building. As the department chair of the program, I was involved in several requests to update our facility to accommodate new dental care technology for over a decade. The space in our clinic was not near enough to provide our students with the experiences necessary to meet the needs of current and upcoming dental practices. But shortly after Dr. Metke arrived, Paul Monagan, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences, brought him to see the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Dr. Metke was aware of what one should look like because he came from a university where the dental clinical was a showcase! So when he walked in, he was completely taken back! He tried to be polite, but he said... "this is just not acceptable"! It took everything in my power to keep from shouting to the roof top... "Hallelujah!"

TJC needed lots of things at that time, and the priority was to keep us safe, sound, and functional, so the first big step was to get our infrastructure up to speed. However, Dr. Metke never gave up on his goal to provide an appropriate space for the Dental Hygiene Program. Not long after, his visit to Pirtle, he asked the Board of Trustees take a tour... and with his guidance and the support of the Trustees and the community, the rest is history! The TJC Dental Studies programs are now a big part of the beautiful state-of-the-art facility on the corner of 5th and Fleishel! Now, I'm pretty sure it really wasn't all about us... but we are extremely happy to be one of the showcase programs in the Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center! We are so grateful that Dean Monagan asked Dr. Metke to take that short walk to Pirtle. Otherwise we would probably still be in our tiny little place, struggling to meet accreditation standards, and the crime lab would have had to find another home!

Thank you, Dr. Metke for your leadership, for believing in us, and for putting TJC on the map!

Carrie Hobbs
Professor/Department Chair
Dental Studies



I have so many stories, but there isn't enough room in The Drum-Beat. I wish you and Donna all the best in your retirement adventures. Phil and I look forward to joining you for some of them!

Ellen Matthews
Executive Assistant
President/Board of Trustees



I remember when Dr. Metke joined TJC back in 2007. He immediately took on some tough issues. He has been an excellent steward for our college with the best interests of the facilities, faculty, staff, and students in mind. His inspirational leadership and broadminded vision for our institution will be missed. Godspeed.

Derrick White
Professor/Department Chair
Art



I went to Greece with Dr. Metke, and we had a Greece reunion some time later. During my trip to Greece he had asked me if I had ever gone jet-skiing, and I remember telling him no, which came off as if it shocked him. I was just kind of hanging out at the reunion, and Kim Lessner came up to me telling me Dr. Metke was looking for me. As I go closer to where Metke was, I saw him on his jet-ski and he was waving at me, telling me to come over. I must have made that man deaf by how loud I was shouting when I was on that thing. He was tearing up the water like a pro, but I was half-scared to death. It was a really fun time. He was always a guy who could spread joy like no one else.

April Long
Records Coordinator
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Good luck with future adventures Dr. Metke



Dr. Metke is a great man and a great leader. He's a consensus builder. He's the best President ever to walk this campus. Dr. Metke played a part in making me the man I am today, so I'll always be in debt to him. He's been a major success story for TJC. He will always be remembered for the work he's done, for not only myself, but many others students and the presidential honors program, as well as everyone here at TJC.

Clifton Henry
Special Assistant in Presidential Honors Program/Alumni



When I started at TJC, I think I had been here two weeks, I was asked to give Dr. Metke, his wife and some of his friends a tour of the campus; I did not know anything about the campus. I think they only asked me to show him around because I am a former Apache Bell. I went around in a car with them and tried to add as much as I could. It's a great Dr. Metke story and one I'll never forget.

Ashleigh Lewis
Professor
Learning Framework



My story is, back in 2009, Dr. Metke approached me and we talked about attending the police academy. Before my current role, I was a guard at TJC for 14 years. Dr. Metke gave me an opportunity to attend the police academy. I was excited about it, it was wonderful attending the police academy and being a police officer has been great. Finding out about what the academy entailed in front of George Foreman. Dr. Metke had given me a book to take to George Foreman while he was visiting on campus. When we got there, Dr. Metke introduced me to George and said "This is Jimmy Vickers, he is attending the police academy in January. It's a tough academy, when they graduate, they run 6.5 miles." That was my first-time hearing that we would run over six miles. My mouth was hanging open in front of a heavy weight champion and Olympian; all I could think about was running. By going through that academy, it set some things in order for me. I was the first TJC police officer to graduate from the TJC law enforcement academy; I was also a valedictorian. The sky has been the limit for me. I have been advancing and became a corporal shortly after, now I'm a sergeant. That's my unique memory of Dr. Metke. He's been great and I'm thankful to him for giving me these opportunities.

Jimmy Vickers
Campus Police Sergeant



When I was at the recognition dinner here for my 10 year anniversary at TJC, I had ordered new luggage because I needed to travel, especially with going to SACS every December. As I went up to take a picture with Dr. Metke, he handed me a piece of luggage and said, "Well, I hope you don't take this and go anywhere else, because we like you here." And I just remember thinking that it made me feel really good and really special, and he's just been super nice to me. That's something I will always remember.

Kenneth Murphy, D.D.S.
Dean
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Dad!
I am so excited that we are going to get to spend more time together. Don't forget to bring home treats!

Foxy Metke
Best Furry Friend



I enjoy the Birthday Lunches.

Each month Dr. Metke invites all faculty and staff who celebrate their birthdays to a birthday lunch. It is a great way for each of us to have one on one time with Dr. Metke. I always looked forward to my March birthday lunch and I enjoy visiting with others who share the same birthday month.

Thank you Dr. Metke.

Cindy Gaddis
Professor
Learning Framework



When he found out that I was climbing Mount Rainier, he invited me up to his office and literally sat there and planned my whole ascent for me. I don't think I would have made it top the top if it wasn't for some of the advice. I'm being honest about that, I do NOT believe I would have made it to the top if it wasn't for some of his advice.

Ryan Button
Professor
Sociology



Robert Naylor
News Editor

Dr. L. Michael Metke is announcing his retirement after serving at the helm as president/chancellor for 12 years.

Metke will officially retire from his position effective June 30, 2019, marking him as the sixth person to do so in TJC history.

Since his hiring, Metke has garnished growth throughout the campus in its plethora of programs. Regardless of whether it is sports or academics, Metke's oversight has garnished growth throughout the entire campus.

"Regardless if you were a student or a staff member, Metke made it a point to stop and say hi to everyone," said Maya Gayler, sophomore TJC student. "He was a lively character that was hard to avoid, and he will certainly be missed on campus."

Metke was brought in as president of TJC in 2008, and had transitioned into his role as chancellor in 2018.

"Leaving TJC is harder than I ever imagined. I started working off the farm at 14, and every time I left a job to pursue a new opportunity, my employers urged me to stay. My original goal was to be here about five years, but somehow TJC grabs hold of you and won't let go so I'm years behind my original retirement plans. Donna and I bleed black and gold. We'll remain involved and be TJC's top supporters in the times and seasons ahead," said Metke during his most recent press release.

With Metke's retirement announcement, TJC will have some large shoes to fill for the upcoming school year. As of now, no details have been issued regarding this administrative change.

"This seems the right time. TJC is at an all-time high with the best governing board I've ever served and the best leadership team I've ever assembled. At 12, 270, we have the most students in our history. More importantly, we have more of the best students ever. The College's infrastructure, buildings, donor base, Foundation, and finances are all strong and growing. Our incredibly dedicated TJC family is like no other. All our successes result from this wonderful synergy that comes from TJC's employees, alumni, donors, supporters and friends. TJC's future is brighter than ever," said Metke during his most recent press release.

Going off of what Metke has said himself, TJC will strive forward with greatness regardless of what challenges await its future. While Metke will officially be stepping down, he assures TJC that he will remain a presence on campus.

As of now TJC has detailed that Metke's former position as president has been limited to four final candidates. Details on the hiring process have been transparent, so look out for a future press releases announcing the next president of TJC.



The first true interaction I had with Dr. Metke was at one of his first birthday parties that he held for faculty and staff. By the end of the meeting he knew everyone by name, and was referring to everyone by name when asking questions of them. He had memorized everyone's biography! At that moment, I knew he was a great man who would be a great leader for our team.

M'Liss Hindman
Professor/Director,
Speech and Debate Team



The funny story I have about Dr. Metke was at an opening ceremony for the Rusk Promise, it was the major first unveiling of that event. The event had a lot of VIP personalities, principals, superintendents, congressmen, maybe even a senator, that sort of crowd. The event got to this point where Metke went up to present the most important person there, making everyone quiet and attentive, and he goes on to introduce his wife. I thought it was the coolest thing. I remember it well because I've stolen that move and I've done it a few times in my own life now. It was really great seeing it come from Metke at an event like that.

Dave Funk
Director, Presidential Honors Program



My favorite Dr. Metke story was when I was at the gym, and you know how everyone always talks about how fit Dr. Metke is, and you believe that, but anyways. I was at the gym doing my bit on the treadmill, and Dr. Metke walks in and puts his treadmill on incline and just starts running. After keeping up for three minutes go I just gave up and got off. How can anybody possibly keep up with that? That's what set the tone for me and how Dr. Metke has high standards for everything he goes through in life.

Joan Andrews
Professor/Assistant Director,
Speech and Debate Team



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Dr. & Mrs. Metke pass the pennant during TJC's Fall Convocation.



How the Tutoring Center can help

Anna Graves
Broadcast News Director

"General teaching skills and how to work with people..." Kelsi Jones said when describing what she has learned from being a tutor.

The tutoring center has proven to not only benefit those who go to receive help, but also the tutors by building confidence and life skills.

Most tutors at Tyler Junior College are students, while only a few are certified tutors or professors, according to TJC's website.

A student tutors' official title is "peer tutor."

"We try to use more of our problem solving skills," Jones said.

Jones began tutoring fall 2018. She said she was eligible to tutor for several semesters, but never had considered it before.

"At first it can be really daunting," Jones said. But her feelings have changed since then. "It's really fun ... It's really nice to just be able to help people."

Jones said that tutoring helps her as well. Tutoring provides her with a solid under-

standing of her own work.

The same goes for student tutor Davis Mears, who also agrees that tutoring benefits him in his own studies.

Mears is majoring in nursing and is a lab assistant on campus. Although he said managing time can be a challenge, the tutoring center is "awesome."

"I really enjoy it. I think I'll go on to tutor later on in life," Mears said.

Sophomore Melesio Mojica has been to the tutoring center several times for help and said sometimes the tutors can explain the work better than his professors have.

"It makes you feel more confident about your papers and other materials," Mojica said.

The tutoring center is free for any student needing help with homework.

"Private tutors can charge whatever they want, and it's usually pretty expensive, but here at TJC it is absolutely free," said Danna Baggett, director of tutoring services.

Although the students are not charged, the tutors are paid an hourly rate.

Students can become a tutor if they have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

"The schedules are super flexible ... I do



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Student tutors Stevi Terrazas (left) and Jamie Hines (right) looking over math work together in the Quest Center.

have another job and I have classes, and I'm able to fit that into it (schedule) really well," said Jones.

Student tutor and business major Savannah Tucker said she would recommend becoming a tutor to those who have the opportunity.

"It makes you feel a little more patient and understanding to what others are going through," Tucker said.

Her favorite part about tutoring is seeing the gratitude from the students she helps.

Mears said his favorite part of tutoring is helping students relax. He said he can relate to their frustration, because he is a student too.

"It's easy to get frustrated in college with everything that's going on... I got my own stuff I'm worried about also, so I can relate. And that helps," Mears said.

According to TJC website, the Vaughn Library provides services and technology to meet the needs of its patrons - faculty, staff, students, and community users. The tutoring center is a service that proves this statement. Tutoring has benefited more than just students.

The library is not the only location for tutoring on campus.

Tutoring is divided into four parts; the Writing Center, the STEM center, the Quest Center, and the well-known Tutoring Center.

The STEM Center is located in Potter Hall.

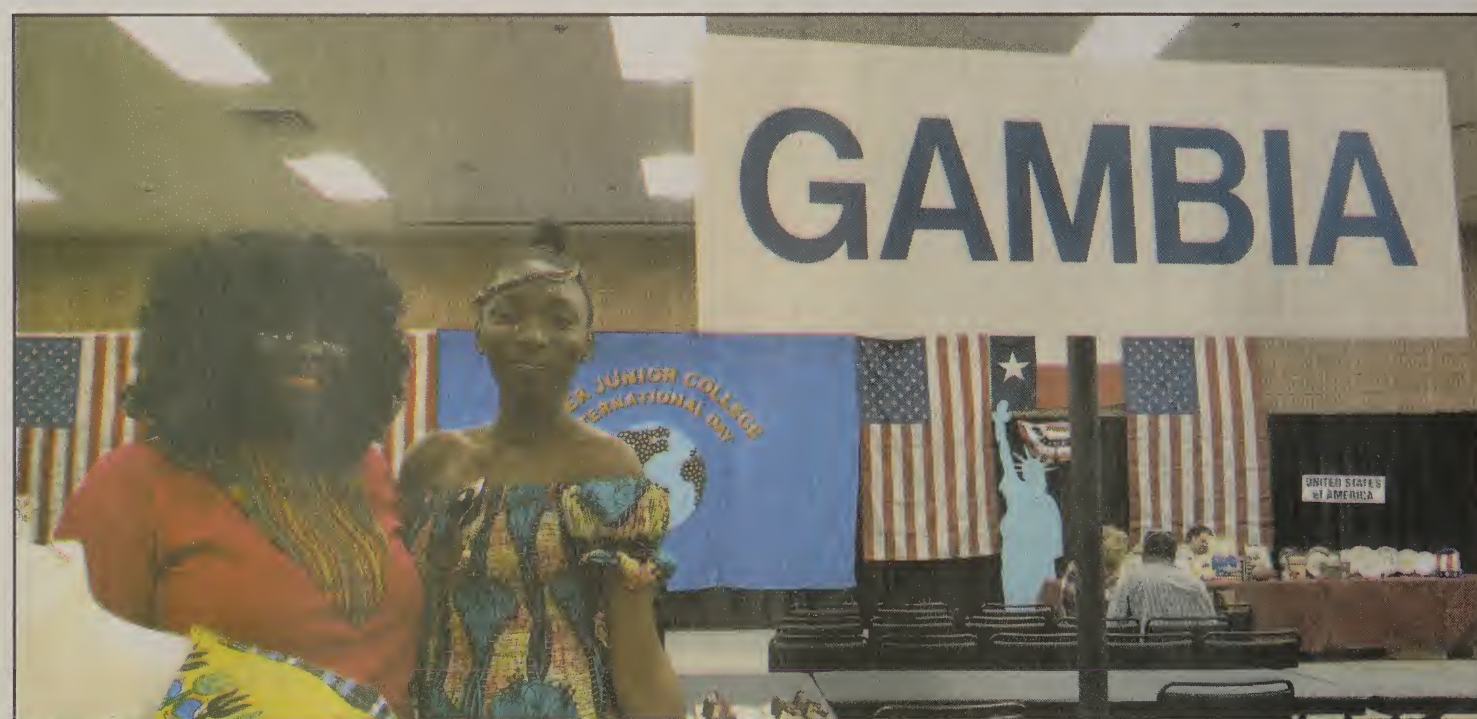
STEM focuses on math, physics and chemistry. Tutors are on duty on a walk-in basis, so students can come and go as they need.

The Writing Center and Tutoring Center are located on the second floor of the library. The Writing Center focuses on writing and essays. The Tutoring Center offers help with study skills in many subjects.

The Quest Center focuses on reading comprehension strategies, and is located on the first floor of the library.

Aside from academics, Mears said he wants students to leave the tutoring center with confidence.

"We're here in college all working together to make a change in the world," Mears said.



Amie Jasseh and Sandoulana A Mendy represent Gambia at International Day.

International Day showcases over 40 countries

Maya Gayler
Managing Editor

TJC's International Education Club hosted their International day on April 16, with 40 countries exhibited.

It began at 8 a.m. and closed at 5 p.m. in the apache rooms. There were many events held throughout the day such as hula and belly dance classes, latin music, and a three part fashion show.

Booths were set up by people either from that country or someone who has been to that country.

Amie Jasseh and Sandoulana A. Mendy were at the booth for Gambia.

"My uncle is from here, so he suggested TJC because he had a nephew that went here," said Amie Jasseh, a student from

Gambia.

The U.S. passport office had a booth for anyone who wanted to either apply for a passport or renew theirs.

Dr. M. Khosrowshahi oversees this event and is also the advisor for the International Education Club. He organizes the Greece trip as well.

The Ecuador booth was ran by professor Ramona Alger and her children. Alger's parents were missionaries in Ecuador for a majority of her life.

At the door, there were "TJC passports" for those that may want to get it stamped by each booth they visited.

International day is hosted every spring semester to show culture from other countries and hands-on learning.



Keyla Barrera, TJC nursing major explores the region of Turkey.



Community members take a tour around the world.

COLLEGE COOKING

Microwave omelet

Taylor Tallant
Staff Writer

I am thankful for the breakfast, lunch and dinner suggestions in the cafeteria; however, I enjoy creating my own meal plan with the resources provided.

More than anything, college has taught me to be creative. Living in the dorms, I have learned to make the most out of what I have. The greatest challenge for me is restricting my cooking hobbies to a toaster and a microwave, but I have found a way.

I have never appreciated a microwave more than I do college. I have learned that microwaves can cook almost anything! It is literally a stove and oven combined. I have made muffins, oatmeal, and even an omelet in the microwave.

Omelets are one of my favorite meals, even more when I am having breakfast for dinner.

Omelets are a great source of healthy protein and a variety of vegetables.

Making an omelet in the microwave is simple. The ingredients include:

- Two eggs
- Vegetables of choice

Cooking instructions:

- Crack eggs in microwave safe bowl and stir
- Combine vegetables with raw egg mixture
- Microwave for one minute
- Stir
- Microwave for another minute or until egg is cooked

Not only can you make an omelet in the microwave, but you can make scrambled eggs, pouched eggs and even fried eggs!

Any time I wonder if something is possible with a microwave, I look it up. The internet is full of videos and instructions about getting the most out of a microwave.

All-female cast presents “VROOOOMMM!”

Scott Witcher
Staff Writer

The theatre department is putting on a play called “VROOOOMMM!” about NASCAR and the stereotypes of people who watch it.

The play tells the story of the only female driver on the circuit, who is looked down upon and harassed by the male drivers of the competition. The play follows the female driver as she overcomes this harassment and wins race after race.

Jacob Davis, the director, gave insight

into the thoughts and intentions behind the play.

Davis explained that the play is a light-hearted jab at the NASCAR audience, as well as an attempt to “show the world through the lenses of a different gender.” To clear up the notion that “only men can be funny” in theatre, the play took a very “effeminate” approach to many aspects of its production, to prove that “girls can be equally as funny as males.” Accordingly, to add to the satire of the stereotype, every role in the play is played by a female, to the extent that each actor takes on several roles at once.

“It’s interesting, because I have to find

a way to have distinct characterization in each character,” said actor McKenna Cook. “I have to find a way to make my five different characters very distinct from each other,” each with “their own way of walking [and] talking.”

To say it is hard to juggle several different characters at once is an understatement. On top of that, each of the actors must be able to change costumes quickly between scenes, often having to wear multiple layers underneath their current costume. In order to prepare for all this, the cast spends hours during rehearsal practicing, often having to do multiple takes per speaking part.

The effort put into the play does not end at the actors. Much work had to be done to the stage to suit the play’s needs, painting large new props and installing a brand-new floor.

“We are in the process of building RVs [and] a race track,” said master carpenter Shawn Cunningham. “The process was very difficult, but a lot of fun.”

Each department working on the play had to put many hours of hard work and dedication to make it happen. But, thanks to their efforts, the play will be truly special.

VROOOOMMM! will be showing from April 24 to 27.



PHOTO BY SCOTT WITCHER

Hanna Odom (left) and Maddie G. Beam run through a scene for “VROOOOMMM!”



PHOTO BY SCOTT WITCHER

Makenna Cook rehearses “VROOOOMMM!”

Farewells continued

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for the DrumBeat until the fall semester of my sophomore year.

It has given me the real-world experience that I needed to discover my love for journalism.

I have learned many new skills such as, layout, editing and interviewing.

Rachael Jennische and Derik Gray do an amazing job of preparing the mass communication students for real newsrooms.

I am now a more confident person and journalist because of my time here.

Journalism is a broad spectrum of careers, I cannot wait to explore all my

opportunities.

In the fall I will be attending the University of North Texas, to continue my degree in journalism.

I am excited to transfer the skills that I have learned, both personal and professional, everywhere I go.

I want to thank my family for supporting my decision to come to TJC, and giving me the freedom to chose my own path.

I would also like to thank my boyfriend, Dominic Olkewicz, for standing by me and making us work long distance. It was not easy, but it will be worth it in the end.

Sydni Cunningham
Online Editor

When I look back over my two years at TJC it’s hard to think that time has gone by so fast.

It feels like it was just yesterday that I was hugging my family goodbye as they dropped me off at TJC for the first time. Freshmen year was hard, as I had to get used to waking up on my own and studying.

Looking back I am so glad that I started off my freshmen year working for as an Online editor for the Drumbeat.

It was hard at the time because I had to balance my busy freshmen schedule with student media. It was working at The Drumbeat that really showed me that I could really excel in the journalism field.

Derik Gray and Rachel Jennische have been the best



advisors and teachers that someone like me could ask for. Their courses are the best for preparing students who want to go into the journalism field.

Through TJC, I have learned so much about how to be a great journalist as well as gain skills like photography and video production. My two years at TJC has been the best. I’m sad that I am leaving TJC but I won’t forget everything that I have experienced here.

Thank you TJC for leaving me with so many lasting memories and experiences. Although I am graduating I will always be a TJC Apache.

Student and faculty dance performance coming to Wise Auditorium

Anna Grace Drewett
Staff Writer

Liz Danly and Deja Horton, current college students at TJC, are the directors for TJC’s Academy of Dance annual student and faculty dance performance. This program will be performed on May 3 at 7 p.m. in the TJC Wise Auditorium with tickets selling for \$5 each.

Each piece for the show is choreographed by college students, whether individually or as a class. These pieces are then auditioned to be accepted for the show, and then critiqued by Carolyn Hanna and Shurrell Wiebe, directors for TJC’s Academy of Dance.

The students auditioned and received feedback on their pieces a week before spring break, allowing the dancers enough time to improve and tweak their piece before the program in May.

While most years the faculty dances alongside the students, this year the faculty will not be performing. However, when a faculty member does have the chance to perform with their students, it creates a deeper bond between student and teacher.

The college students performing often ask a few younger students to participate in the show. This opportunity gives the younger students a chance to learn and gain experience, while offering older students the chance to teach and choreograph for groups.

Students oversee their own lighting, costumes, music, and choreography, so this show is a wonderful opportunity to teach students the importance of responsibility. Since many classes choreograph as a group, students also learn the important life skills of collaboration and compromise.

When speaking about why this show is important, Wiebe stated, “I enjoy watching how much the kids have progressed. It is a proud moment to watch them incorporate all they have learned during the year in a show geared specifically to help them showcase their work.”

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“We want to instill the RUN-HIDE-FIGHT method. To my understanding, this hasn’t really been brought up at TJC for a while. I want to start this now. The reason we choose RUN-HIDE-FIGHT? It’s simple. First thing you try to do is run, the second thing is to hide, and the third is to try and fight,” Seale explained.

Active shooter situations can turn deadly if everyone doesn’t know what to do to protect their lives. Seale stressed the importance of using the RUN-HIDE-FIGHT method.

“RUN-HIDE-FIGHT will allow everyone to make their own individual decision. It is individual to you; it’s individual to the situation you are going to find yourself in. You might not be able to run, but you also may not have to fight. If you are able to run, [just] run,” Seale detailed.

Seale also spoke about how practical it is to use the RUN-HIDE-FIGHT method at a campus like TJC. Due to the fact that TJC is separated different buildings, it is hard for the campus to all go into lock down at the

same time.

Seale also went on to explain what a person has to do when they encounter police during a active shooter situation.

“Whenever police come in the school, you need to follow their instructions and make sure everybody shows them your hands. This is what kills us: our hands. Make sure you have your hands where we can see, otherwise you can become a victim,” Seale said.

Seale advised that concealed gun carriers need to make sure to inform the police that they have a weapon with them. They need to make sure their hands are empty when talking to police. He also advised gun carriers to not leave their safe place to pursue the threat.

“Do not leave your safe area to pursue a threat that is not your responsibility. Your responsibility is to keep yourself safe. We don’t want you to chase to the shooter and possibly become a victim, or worse us thinking you’re the shooter as we’re coming down the hallway,” Seale said.

The Light the Night Rally was a wonderful event that was jam-packed with giveaways, free food, and amazing speakers. Hopefully, many of the attendees left the event more knowledgeable about sexual assault, active shooters and self-defense.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

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
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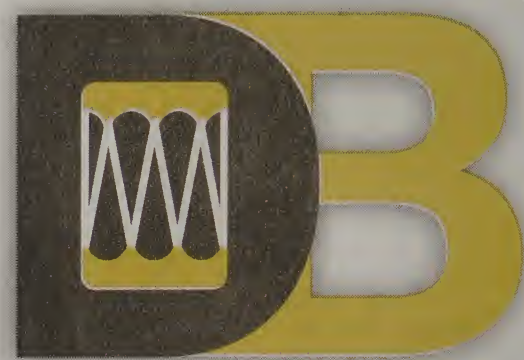
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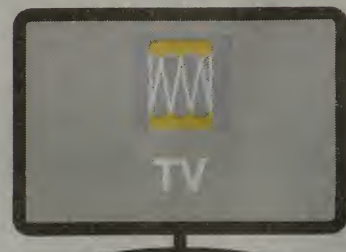
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